

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Final Office Action dated April 7, 2004, claims 1-8, 10-13 and 15-31 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections.

Claims 1, 3-7, 10-13, 15-17 and 28-31 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Thompson* (US Publication 2001/0034206 now US Patent 6,438,354) in view of *Brown* (6,157,621). Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Thompson* in view of *Brown* in further view of *Wiswell*. Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Thompson* in view of *Brown* in further view of *Galvin*. Claims 18-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Thompson* in view of *Reesor*. Claims 21-27 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Thompson* in view of *Reesor* and further in view of *Brown*. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner for reconsideration of the rejection under 35 USC §103(c).

The patent to *Thompson* was at the time of filing assigned to Hughes Electronics Corp. Likewise, the present application at the time of filing was also assigned to Hughes Electronics Corp. Thus, both the *Thompson* patent and the current application were owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. Therefore, the *Thompson* reference is precluded from use under 35 USC §103(a).

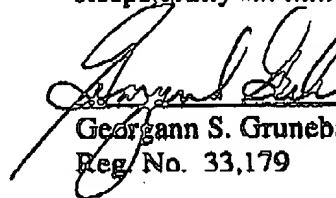
Applicant incorporates the previous comments with respect to the other references herein.

Because the *Thompson* reference is not available as a reference under §103(c), Applicant believes that elements are missing from the claims. Applicant therefore believes the present application is allowable.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all objections and rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for

allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments which would place the application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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